THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

Monday, 14th December 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

I.—CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION.

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is my painful duty to inform the House of the death of two ex-Ministers Sri V. I. Muniswami Pillai and Dr. T. S. S. Rajan."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I beg to move—

'*That this House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Sri V. I. Muniswami Pillai and Dr. T. S. S. Rajan, former Members of the Madras Legislative Council and Ministers of this State, and conveys its deep sense of sympathy to the members of their bereaved families.*' "

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed in this resolution. While doing so, I would like to say that I had been personally associated with both these ex-Ministers in my public life and I knew them pretty well. I do not want to say anything more."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it is hardly necessary for me to remind the House how intimately associated I was with both these colleagues of ours who have passed away. From the time politics took shape in Government in this State, both these gentlemen were intimately associated with the Government and with the Legislature. But even before that, they were the hardiest workers among those who struggled for freedom and for social advance. All men must die and we hope that younger men will take the place of those that pass out."

SRI K. UPPI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I also associate myself with the resolution and the sentiments expressed by the Hon. Chief Minister and the Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam. I had the fortune of associating myself with Dr. T. S. S. Rajan and Sri V. I. Muniswami Pillai for a long time and as members of the Legislature, we developed very great friendship. Their death is not only a loss to the country but also a personal loss to me. I heartily associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the previous speakers."

* SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I also associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the previous

speakers. Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai was a leader of the Harijan Community. I had the opportunity of meeting him and of working with him for some days. Dr. T. S. S. Rajan began life as a doctor and my association with him was rather limited. But he comes from a village which is the centre of my constituency—Tillaisthanam. Though he was a Minister, towards the end of his career he proved himself to be an agriculturist and set an example for others to follow. I again associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the previous speakers."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Mr. Speaker, I also associate myself and my party with the sentiments expressed on the floor of the Assembly."

* Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Hon. Speaker, Sir, of the two gentlemen who died, I had seen only one Sri V. I. Muniswami Pillai. I did not have the fortune of knowing or even seeing Dr. T. S. S. Rajan. On behalf of the Toilers Party, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed on the floor of this House."

Sri S. C. C. ANTHONI PILLAI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the face of death, all quarrels are forgotten and forgiven. On behalf of the Socialist Party, I associate myself with the sentiments already expressed."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I associate the Chair with the sentiments expressed by hon. Members. I knew Sri V. I. Muniswami Pillai and Dr. Rajan intimately. Dr. Rajan was a Member of the Legislative Council for two terms. Sri V. I. Muniswami Pillai was a Member of the Madras Legislative Assembly continuously from 1927. As the House knows, Dr. Rajan took keen interest in the movement for temple entry by Harijans. During that time, he was not only beaten but even chilly powder was thrown over his face. With all that, he was very particular that Harijans should be allowed into the temples.

" By way of passing the resolution, I request hon. Members to stand in their places for a minute."

The resolution was carried *nem con* all the members of the Assembly standing.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Movement for a separate 'Kerala Province'.

11-10 a.m. *1 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have posted special C.I.D. officers and constables in Madras City to watch the movement for a separate Kerala Province?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The answer is in the negative."